for which we must express our condolences not only to the people of Maharashtra but to the people all over India and to the bereaved family.

The tragic accident which resulted in the loss of the lives of five of our top ranking military men is indeed a very great loss to our country, a loss the like of which will not be felt even during times of war. These men, young as they were, were persons who underewent the hard process of evolution into first rate Commanders in the various fields in which they were and they had attained a high standard of perfection. Their death is a loss on a large scale and a tremendous loss to our country and particularly to our defence operations. We have to console ourselves by thinking that these youngmen, the flower of patriotic Indian Youth who have sacrificed themselves in the service of the country, may well be considered as having laid down their lives at the altar of duty. All the same, the loss that we have sustained is one which cannot be easily made up. We hope that we will muster our strength and stand firm without being in any way daunted by this tragedy. Let us express our sincere condolences to the people concerned as well as to the bereaved families.

In token of our respect to all these noble souls, let us stand up and pay our tribute to their memories by observing silence for two minutes and then adjourn for the day.

[The House stood in silence for two minutes]

Announcement by Speaker—Resignation of a Member

Mr. Speaker : Order, order. Before adjourning, I shall read a letter, dated 23rd November 1963 received from Shri M. Kunjukrishnan Nadar, Member returned from the Parassala constituency, resigning his membership of the Assembly with effect from 1st of December 1963.

The letter reads as follows :

'To

The Hon'ble Speaker,
Legislative Assembly,
Kerala, Trivandrum.

Sir,

As I wish to devote more time for meditation and religious purposes I shall not be able to continue as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, Kerala. So I request you to kindly accept this letter as my resignation as a Member of this Assembly to take effect from 1-12-1963.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.)
(Kunjukrishnan Nadar.)

Order. order. The House stands adjourned to meet again tomorrow at 8 a. m.

The House adjourned at 8·30 a. m. to meet again at 8 a. m. on Wednesday, the 27th November 1963.

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